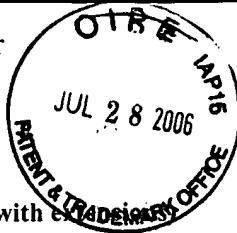


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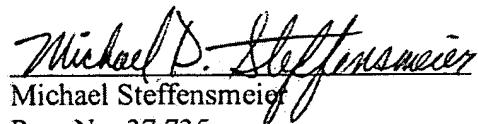
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Sir:

I am an attorney of record for the above-identified application. The above-identified application, and Krueger et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,478,751 (U.S. Application Serial No. 09/552,481) were, at the time the invention of Application Serial No. 10/037,795 was made, owned by, or subject to an obligation of assignment to, the same organization.

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